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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, KS, KN

SUBJECT: APRIL 17 DMZ ARMED INCIDENT

BEGIN SUMMARY: APRIL 17 DMZ INCIDENT APPEARS TO HAVE INVOLVED A 3- MAN NORTH KOREAN PATROL ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION WITHIN DMZ. MND ANNOUNCED INCIDENT PUBLICLY AT 1000 HOURS APRIL 18. UNC/ MAC IS PROPOSING MAC MEETING APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS MATTER. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 17 INFILTRATION INCIDENT IN DMZ HAS BEEN REPORTED IN MILITARY CHANNELS. UNC/ MAC, WHICH HAS HAD TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS AT SITE TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENT, INFORMS US THAT MAIN ELEMENTS EMERGE AS FOLLOWS: SMALL ROK PATROL INTERCEPTED THREE NORTH KOREAN INTRUDERS GOING SOUTH ON TRAIL IN BRUSH AT ABOUT 2330 HOURS APRIL 17 SOME 1500 METERS SOUTH OF MDL; CLAYMORE MINES WERE DISCHARGED AND SMALL ARMS FIRED; ROK FORCES HAVE RECOVERED THE BODIES OF TWO NORTH KOREANS WEARING FATIGUES OVER STANDARD NORTH KOREAN FIELD UNIFORMS; A BULLET- RIDDLED, BLOOD STAINED JACKET FOUND PRESUMABLY BELONGS TO THIRD PERSON WHO APPARENTLY ESCAPED; OTHER ARTICLES FOUND INCLUDE SMALL MAP COVERING AREA OF INCIDENT BUT NOT AREAS OUTSIDE DMZ, THREE AK-47'S, NK GRENADES AND AK-47 AMMO, FOOD FOR 3 MEN FOR 3 DAYS.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED CASE WITH UNC SENIOR MAC MEMBER WHOSE  
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CONCLUSION, ON BASIS HIS PERSONAL VISITS TO DMZ IN PAST AND  
REPORT OF THESE TWO OFFICERSLADESH ELECTIONS MOVE OF THIS

CHARACTER WOULD, AS IT HAS, EVENTUATE. HE EXPRESSED VIEW  
THAT DECISION BY BANGLADESH TO ABANDON DEMAND FOR  
RECOGNITION AS PREREQUISITE TO REPATRIATION OF POWS IS  
HEARTENING AND HOPED THAT IT MIGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR  
FURTHER ADVANCES, POSSIBLY LEADING TO ANOTHER INDO- PAK  
MEETING. SULTAN KHAN REPLIED THAT IT CLEAR THAT  
DECLARATION WOULD RECEIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND WAS  
CONFIDENT THAT DOOR WOULD BE KEPT OPEN. ROGERS

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